

## Bureau of Land Management, Interior

## § 3217.12

mergers, and name changes. Just file them within a reasonable time.

### **§ 3216.16 Must I file separate transfer requests for each lease?**

File two copies of separate requests for each lease for which you are transferring record title or operating rights. The only exception is, if you are transferring more than one lease to the same transferee, just file two copies of one transfer application.

### **§ 3216.17 Where must I file estate transfers, corporate mergers and name changes?**

(a) If you have posted a bond for any Federal lease, file estate transfers, corporate mergers, and name changes in the BLM State Office that maintains your bond.

(b) If you have not posted a bond, file estate transfer, corporate merger and name change documents in each State Office having jurisdiction over the lease(s).

### **§ 3216.18 How do I describe the lands in my lease transfer?**

(a) If you are transferring an interest in your entire lease, you do not need to give BLM a legal description of the land.

(b) If you are transferring an interest in a portion of your lease, describe the lands the same way they are described in the lease.

### **§ 3216.19 May I transfer record title interest for less than 640 acres?**

Only when your transfer includes an irregular subdivision or all your lease in a section. We may make an exception to the minimum acreage requirements if needed to conserve the resource.

### **§ 3216.20 When does a transfer segregate a lease?**

If you transfer 100 percent of the record title interest in a portion of your lease, BLM will segregate the transferred portion from the original lease and give it a new serial number with the same terms and conditions as those in the original lease.

### **§ 3216.21 When is my transfer effective?**

Your transfer is effective the first day of the month after we approve it.

### **§ 3216.22 Does BLM grant all transfer requests?**

No, we will not approve a transfer if:

- (a) The lease account is not in good standing;
- (b) The transferee does not qualify to hold a lease under this part; or
- (c) An adequate bond has not been provided.

## **Subpart 3217—Cooperative Conservation Provisions**

### **§ 3217.10 What are unit agreements and cooperative plans?**

Lessees enter into a unit agreement or a cooperative plan to conserve the resources of any geothermal field or area. By operating together, lessees can work more efficiently and promote better development. BLM will only approve unit agreements which we determine are in the public interest. Unit agreement application procedures are provided in 43 CFR part 3280.

### **§ 3217.11 What are communitization agreements?**

Communitization agreements (also called drilling agreements) help operators who cannot independently develop separate tracts due to problems with well spacing or well development programs. Lessees may ask BLM to approve a communitization agreement or, in some cases, we may require the lessees to enter into such an agreement.

### **§ 3217.12 What does BLM need to approve my communitization agreement?**

Give us the following information:

- (a) The location of the separate tracts comprising the drilling or spacing unit;
- (b) How you will prorate production or royalties to each separate tract based on total acres involved;
- (c) The name of each tract operator; and
- (d) Provisions for protecting the interests of all parties, including the United States.